NEWS for Youth Work Professionals March 28, 2014



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Northside Youth Work Training Collaborative

The Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board and the Minneapolis Beacons Network are launching the Northside division of the Minneapolis Out-of-School-Time Training Collaborative. Attend their meetings and you will get: •Dinner! •Training and practice in participatory facilitation skills best practices •Opportunities to network with other youth workers • Cross-Agency training Conversations and problem solving in youth work practice dilemma's . Youthprise funds the collaborative. Facilitators: Steve Alexander and Amy Yang (Beacons Network) and Hope Lockett (NAZ) Share this news with anyone who works with youth! Check the EVENTS section for two upcoming meetings.

YOUTH WORKER PROFILE

Stan Hill

Stan Hill is manager of Urban Venture Leadership Foundation's Ready? Set! Work (RSW) program where clients of the Center for Fathering receive employment skill development and job placement. Last year RSW placed 144 persons in full-time employment with an 83% retention rate. Prior to RSW, Stan was director of men's programs at Twin Cities RISE (TCR) and before TCR, he



was the site coordinator for MPRB's PHAT Summer program working with at-risk teens and adults. For 22 years, Stan was a child development and behavioral specialist with Minneapolis and Saint Paul Public Schools and Intermediate District 16

where he worked with, and supported, mentally challenged, at-risk adults, youth and their families. Stan was selected as one of 50 influential persons in Minneapolis and his pictorial is featured in the Minneapolis City Center.

Urban Ventures assists thousands of youth and adults each year to develop employment skills, achieve academic success, and reconnect with families. Urban Venture programs work with families, small groups, and individuals as they look to end the poverty cycle.

EVENTS

NORTHSIDE Youth Work Training Collaborative

Mondays, April 7 & May 5, 6-8pm, Lucy Craft Laney School, 3333 Penn Ave N, Mpls. Meetings include a delicious meal followed by discussion and planning around professional development needs and opportunities for direct service youth workers. (Childcare provided!) RSVP here. Questions: Steve Alexander or 612-668-2223 See first article under NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Networking Meetings for Minneapolis Youth Serving Professionals

Northside Youth Collaborative: Apr. 8, 4-5:30pm, Farview Eastside Practitioners: April 16, 11am-Noon, North Commons Southside Youth Workers: NO April 10 mtg.-back to regular meeting pattern May 8th, noon-1:30pm, Pillsbury House

"The Big Webinar" - Supporting Your Mentee Through Career Exploration: Thursday, April 10, 7:00-8:15pm Professional development for mentors of youth 12, and up. Featuring Denise Felder, MnCareers editor (iseek.org) and the Workforce Readiness arm of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities. Dive into interactive ways to explore career options with your mentee/youth. Register here.

EDTalks: Why Art Matters + Discovery of Self

April 10, 6-7:30PM, Honey, 205 East Hennepin, Mpls. DeAnna Cummings, Juxtaposition Arts and Jane Barrash, Continuum Center and creator of the Discovery of Self program. EDTalks are networking /education events to engage young professionals in public education. For more info, contract Cassandra or 612.455.1570.

Youth Day at the Capitol: April 10

Educate policy makers about the issues that face MN youth and the need for a comprehensive approach to youth policy. Set up a meeting with your legislator(s) and bring some youth with you to the Capitol on April 10. Find all the info you need to make your experience positive here.

Half Day Mentoring Workshop

April 18, 8:30am-12:30pm, Sabathani, 310 E. 38 St, Mpls. Presenter: Partnership of Minnesota Training Institute's Jen Lindwall. Workshop organized by Southside Youth Workers. Register by April 15 to Jo Haberman or 612-600-7483. A \$15 training fee (cash or check) will be collected on the day of the workshop -- includes coffee and pastries for breakfast. Only 20 spots left. RSVP soon! See attached flyer.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Employment & Opportunity Guide for Mpls. Youth Find the Spring version on the Minneapolis Employment & Training website here. Also find an attached white copy for easier printing.

Theater Employment for Youth: COMPAS ArtsWork Summer employment in theater for youth ages 14-21 at Dreamland Arts in St. Paul. No experience necessary. June 16 – July 25, 20 hours a week; pay is \$7.25/hr. Hiring up to 16 apprentices. Half of the positions are reserved for youth with disabilities. Application deadline is Mar. 31. Interviews are in mid-April. Youth gain experience in the theater, writing, directing, performing, managing lighting, sound, costumes and sets, props, marketing, field trips to other theaters to learn about set design, costumes and technology. Info and applications here or email betsy@compas.org

TEEN TEAMWORKS Urban Environmental Youthworker Positions Available

Work as part of an 8-10 member work crew under the supervision of an adult on-site supervisor assisting with projects that have a positive impact on parks and lakes including planting, mulching, invasive plant removal, sweeping, mowing lawns, sifting sand, litter removal, cleaning up the shore line, trimming shrubbery, edging grass and watering freshly laid sod. Attend paid on the job educational sessions weekly.

QUALIFICATIONS: Minneapolis resident, 14 -18 or 19-24 years of age, with the desire to work, ability to work well with all types of people and follow instructions. \$7.25 per hour. Begin June 16 and end August 15. Must complete attached application and background check. For additional information, contact Teen Teamworks at 612-313-7744 or 612-313-7745.

Teen Job Fair

April 26, Noon – 3PM, Minneapolis Central Library Connect with businesses and organizations for information about jobs, employment training, internships and volunteer opportunities. Attend a "Get A Job Now" workshop for tips on how to find and land a job, and a "Who We Hire" panel where managers describe what they look for in employees. Some of the employers who have pledged to participate are McDonalds, Cookie Cart, Abrakadoodle Art Education, Camp TEKO, Hennepin County Library Super Kinder and Teen Tech Squad, Inner City Tennis, Izzy's Ice Cream, LeeAnn Chin, Lund/Byerlys, Mall of America, Old Navy, Tree Trust, Venture North Bike & Coffee, Youth Enterprise.

2014 Minnesota Summer Camp Guide

It's not too early to get camp plans in place.

EVENTS CONTINUED

Viva City Fine Arts Festival: 20 Year Anniversary

Events include two free evening concerts featuring an MPS Inter-School Choir (700 MPS 6-12 grade students) and Orchestra (150 MPS 7-12 grade students) along with local hip-hop artist Dessa. April 28, 7pm and April 29, 7pm, Minneapolis Convention Center.



University of Minnesota Extension Trainings

Check out U of M Extension's trainings and events, brown bag lunches, on-line courses, symposiums, etc.

ADULT EMPLOYMENT

YIPA Seeking a Membership Coordinator

Primary responsibility is recruitment and retention of rapidly growing membership. <u>View job posting.</u>

Healthy Families Specialist: PUC Waite House

Seeking a direct-service youth worker to focus on wellness, fitness and nutrition activities with 8-13 year olds. Work with multiple community partners, engaging parents and finding innovative opportunities for youth to engage and "own" their own health and wellness. Click on this <u>link</u> to all jobs currently open at PUC.